



Tournament Rugby Veterans “Bebo Zanetti” 2015

“Imola Rugby Old” and “Querce Rugby Imola” are pleased to invite you to the 2015 Old Rugby “Bebo Zanetti” tournament, taking place on Saturday, 26th September at the “Zanelli-Tassinari” sports ground in Imola. People will have the chance to play a friendly Old Rugby match in Romagna and to enjoy a traditional third half.

The tournament has now come to its seventh edition. This is a nice achievement for the “Imola Rugby Old” team, that formed specifically for this purpose. Many friends come from other teams too, to pay homage to “Bebo” by taking part to the tournament named after him. If you want to join us, also singly, please contact us.

Attached you will find the enrollment methods, together with the tournament rules and the event flier.

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Thank you for your kind attention.



To all the Old Rugby sports groups

Subject: Old Rugby 8 Team Tournament “Bebo Zanetti”

Dear “Veterans” people,

“Imola Rugby Old” and “Querce Rugby Imola” invite you to the seventh edition of the “Bebo Zanetti” tournament, taking place on Saturday, 26th September 2015 at the “Zanelli-Tassinari” sports ground.

It will be a friendly tournament, as we want the fellowship and passion linking us to this wonderful game to stand out during the matches.

As usual, the fun will continue during the traditional third half.

The participation fee amounts to € 300,00 (three hundred) for every team made of 20 players, who will be automatically allowed to the third half. Additional participants will be able to join us for dinner by paying € 15,00 each.

Participants must let us know about their enrollment in the tournament by the 31st August 2015, whereas the participation fee must be paid by the 15th September 2015 to the c/a no. IT 40 E 08462 21003 000005018261 in the name of “A.S.D. Imola Rugby” at the “BBC Romagna Occidentale” bank.

We would like to point out that the organizers are not responsible for any injury before, during or after the tournament.

We look forward to hearing from you. Have a good rugby!

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Please note: Enrollments will close after the first 7 participation fees.



“Maybe I’m too old to play rugby... but not today.” (Fin Calder)

2015 Old Rugby “Bebo Zanetti” tournament rules

The normal rugby rules will be applied, except for some variations:

1. You have to be at least 35 years old on the day of the tournament.
2. The scrum will be performed without pushing; the introducing team wins the ball.
3. Matches are shorter: they only last one half of 20 minutes.
4. Players taking part to the scrum and the line-out keep still until the half-back gets the ball.
5. Substitutions are always possible.
6. Captains are responsible for their team's behaviour. An excessively competitive attitude is not allowed nor excused.
7. The ball can only be kicked by the 22 metre line.
8. The whole scrum must take part in the line-out.
9. Lifting is not allowed during the line-out.
10. Quick line-outs and throw-ins are not allowed.
11. In order to avoid useless and harmful scrums, once the ruck has been formed, the referee decides immediately whose team the ball is, and the opposing team cannot “steal” the ball anymore.
12. The referee will ask team captains whether they want to apply any particular rule or precaution.
13. Captains must let their team know about any particular game mode before the match starts.
14. Players can only wear rubber studs shoes. Players who won't be wearing the regulatory type of shoes will be automatically disqualified.

In particular, we would like to remind you that:



“Golden Oldies Rugby” is a non-competitive game. Score is not important. There are not winners nor rankings in the “Golden Oldies Rugby”.

This game is played for fun. For this reason, prizes are not given on the basis of the participants' athletic qualities.

The key-words are brotherhood and fun.

As for what concerns tackles, every player must pay attention to the colour of the shorts in order to avoid harming the opponent. Players wearing red shorts can be stopped by embracing them; players wearing golden shorts can be stopped by stonewalling; if the player is wearing purple shorts, the other players must let him move forward freely.

Any action conflicting with the spirit of the game will be penalised. A second foul play of this sort will be punished with expulsion.